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Dear parents and carers,

We have had more wet weather over the last couple of weeks, but that hasn't dampened our spirits as we settle in to the new academic year. Across the school, it has been fantastic to see the children thoroughly enjoying their new learning. We are excited to share with you our very first 'Spotlight on' section of the year, which this week focuses on the learning of the children within our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) classes: Nursery and Reception. Our Y1 and Y2 children have also settled into school exceptionally well and we are looking forward to showcasing some of their learning in our next newsletter!

We had our first PTA discos of the year on Thursday 26th September. We know how much the children look forward to these events and to showing off their outfits and dance moves! It was lovely to have so many families from Nursery and Reception attending the EYFS disco and our Y1 and Y2 children had a great time at the KS1 disco, too. A huge thank you to Lindi, in particular, for organising the discos and to all of the adults who came to help—we're already looking forward to the next one!

We also held our first open morning tours for prospective parents and carers this week. During these, we were able to showcase our wonderful school to large groups of parents whose children will be starting school in September 2025. If your child is starting school next year, or you know some one who is, please share our flyer and dates with them—you will find these later on in the newsletter.

Following the summer holidays, the children have all come back to school looking extremely smart, with many in new uniforms! Please can we remind all families about our uniform expectations, including our expectations around jewellery, as there is a small group of children who have been wearing hooped or drop earrings. These are a health and safety risk and we ask that, as per our uniform policy, these are replaced with one small, plain stud in each ear. A link to our uniform expectations can be found here: https://www.sandringham.kite.academy/parents/uniform/.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Lodge

Star of the Week and Core Values Awards

A huge well done to all of these superstars for winning a Star of the Week or Core Values award!

Star of the Week



Theodore, Clare, Hazel, Esmae, Stanley, Isla, Cartis, Sophia

Core Values

Betsy, Mason, Joel, Miracle-Star,
Aria, Freddie, Noura, Blake





General updates

Diary updates:

Autumn 1

Tuesday 1st October – YR meet the teachers meeting (2:30pm in the hall)

Friday 4th October – happy bag collections

Tuesday 8th October—harvest assembly

Wednesday 9th October—SEND coffee morning in the hall (8:45am to 9:30am)

Tuesday 15th October – individual and sibling photographs (Ladybirds, YR, Y1, Y2)

Tuesday 22nd October – parents' evening (3:30pm to 6:30pm)

Thursday 24th October – parents' evening (3:30pm to 6:30pm)

Friday 25th October – YES day

Friday 25th October – end of half term (3:15pm collection)



How to help?

Food donations make a huge difference to our rolling stock of tinned and dried food. We are so grateful for your kind donations and are keen to increase the nutritional content of donations by focusing on tinned meat, fish and vegetables.

Please bring your food donations to: The Hope Hub, Knoll Road, Camberley Surrey GU15 3SY (behind the library) Open Tue-Fri 9.30am-3.30pm

Or we would be happy to collect, contact us on 01276 581174 / connect@thehopehub.org.uk

This year, we will be collecting harvest donations for The Hope Hub, which is based on Knoll Road behind the library. If you would like to donate a tinned item, The Hope Hub are asking for tinned meat, fish and vegetables, if possible. Please bring donations to the office or send your child to their classroom with them. On Tuesday 8th October, we will be holding a harvest assembly, where we will collect all of the donations in the hall and sing some harvest songs that we have been practising in our singing assemblies. We will share photos of the donations and our assembly in the next newsletter!



General updates

Attendance

Whole school target: 97% Year-to-date whole school attendance: 96%

Class groups' attendance:

Moles —97% Hedgehogs – 94%

Squirrels – 93%

Owls - 96%

Rabbits - 97%

Foxes - 96%

Penalty Notices

If you take your children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

- 1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
- 2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
- 3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996. Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

We would also like to remind you that we are unable to authorise reported days of illness either side of an absence request. If your child is reported ill, the school may ask for medical evidence or request a copy of flight details, booking references etc to confirm the dates of the unauthorised absence. This is in line with the Surrey Courts Office guidance who issue the fines. From August, the process and escalation process for penalty notices is changing. The first penalty notice will be £160 per parent, per child, but reduced to £80 each if paid within 21 days. If a second penalty notice is issued within 3 academic years, this will be £160 per parent, per child with no reduction for early payment. Fines are capped at 2 fines within 3 years. The third absence within 3 academic years may result in a court prosecution or an education supervision order. The unauthorised absences do not have to be consecutive days.



Spotlight on EYFS...



This week, the spotlight is on our Nursery and Reception classes.

In Nursery, we have explored the theme of family through the stories 'Love Makes a Family' and 'The Great Big Book of Families'. We brought in our own photos of our families to talk about what our families look like. The children have enjoyed investigating a variety of ways to represent their families through drawings and using natural resources. In maths we have had great fun learning the three primary colours: red, blue and yellow. In phonics, we have been listening and participating in

singing nursery rhymes using actions. We also have been practising alliteration, finding items that all make the same sound and learning our new friends' names.







In Reception, this week we have been working so hard at settling into big school life and the routines. We are all so proud of the children for their focus during phonics and the way they are tidying up at the end of each day. We started the year with our topic of Elmer and we can retell the story in great details and with some very cool actions; Moles and Hedgehogs have both had a very wet start to outdoor learning! Brilliant start to the year, Reception!











Is your child starting school in September 2025?



We would love to invite you to visit Sandringham Infant and Nursery Academy!



Wednesday 25th September 2024 – 9:15am Tuesday 8th October 2024 – 2:15pm Wednesday 23rd October 2024 – 9:15am Tuesday 12th November 2024 – 2:15pm Wednesday 11th December 2024 – 9:15am Wednesday 8th January 2025 – 9:15am

Scan the QR code to book your place:







The Kite Academy Trust Kite Family Hub

Family Support Worker

Come & Ask sessions

Come & Ask sessions

Our Kite Family Support Workers will be holding Come & Ask sessions fortnightly during the Autumn term. One-hour appointments are available every other Thursday morning between 9:00am and 1:30pm. During the Come & Ask session you will have the opportunity to share what the concern is, discuss it and look at ways to address the situation.

Sessions can focus on a range of topics that impact you and/or your child. This may include (but is not exclusive to) sleep patterns, routines, diet, child anxiety, parent anxiety, family finances, housing and your child's behaviour.

All appointments can be booked via Eventbrite using the link below.

Thursday 26th September 2024
Thursday 10 th October 2024
Thursday 24th October 2024
Thursday 7th November 2024
Thursday 21 st November 2024
Thursday 5 th December 2024
Thursday 19th December 2024

Appointments can be held virtually through Microsoft Teams*, by telephone or face to face.

(*You do not require a Microsoft account to be able to access this)

Booking Link:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kite-fsw-come-ask-autumn-term-2024-tickets-964964243027

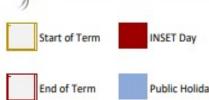
The Kite Family Hub is located next to Mytchett Primary & Nursery Academy, Hamesmoor Road,

Mytchett, GU 16 6JB



Kite Academy Trust Term Dates & Holidays

2024-25



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